

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Docket No.  
185588/00**To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Tomohiro SAKAI

corresponding to Japanese application No. 185588/2000, filed June 21, 2000,

entitled: LOOP DIAGNOSIS SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISK ARRAY APPARATUS

**Enclosed are:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 16 pages of specification.   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 4 sheets of formal drawings.   |
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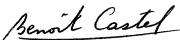
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